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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN the Application of:

LAFFEND ET AL.

CASE NO.: CR-9715-B

APPLICATION NO.: 08/849,404

GROUP ART UNIT: 1653

FILED: 22 MAY 1997

EXAMINER: BUGIASKY, G.

FOR: BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE
CARBON SOURCE TO 1,3-PROPANEDIOL
BY A SINGLE MICROORGANISM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time in the above-identified application for three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed 23 November 1999.

Please charge the extension fee of \$870.00 to Deposit Account 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. If the fee is insufficient or incorrect, please charge or credit the balance to the above-identified account.

A response to the Office Action accompanies this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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